



MAKIKI/ LOWER PUNCHBOWL/ TANTALUS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 10

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

MAKIKI DISTRICT PARK: ARTS AND CRAFTS BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Ian Ross called the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. **Quorum was established with 10 members present.** Note: This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Ross reminded attendees to keep masks on at all times.

Members Present: Roy Agustin, Katie Chang, Nathaniel Char, Elena Farden, Richard Kawano, Chuck Lee, Fred Nakahara, Ian Ross, Piikea Kalakaua-Baarde and John Steelquist.

Members Absent: Paul Klink, Sam Mitchell, Christopher Tipton, Susan Lai Young, Tana Cambe, Charles Carole and Myles Ritchie.

Guests: Lieutenant Bryan Taniguchi; Captain Larry Moore; Tom Heinrich (The Office of Brian Taniguchi); Calvin Say, Ronald Higa and Benhur Baldevarona (Residents); Casey Ishitani (Neighborhood Assistant).

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD): HFD Captain Larry Moore reported the following.

- May 2020 Statistics: There was one (1) wildland fire, four (4) nuisance fires, 10 activated alarms, 117 medical emergencies, six (6) motor vehicle collisions, one (1) mountain rescue, and one (1) hazardous materials incident.
- Fire Safety Tip: Residents were encouraged to install smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are to be tested monthly with an annual battery replacement for 9-volt batteries.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD): HPD Lieutenant Brian Taniguchi reported the following.

- May 2020 Statistics: Crime statistics can be found at <http://www.honolulupd.org/>.

Questions, comments and concerns followed. Trespassing: A resident inquired about HPD's ability to arrest suspected criminal trespassers and Lieutenant Taniguchi responded that HPD officers would require probable cause.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU MONTHLY REPORTS CONTINUED:

Board of Water Supply (BWS): The BWS Representative was not present.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transit (HART): HART Representative Pat Lee was not present

NEW BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 20, 2020: Chair Ross inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes.

Steelquist Moved and Agustin Seconded to Adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 20, 2020. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakaua-Baarde and Steelquist; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

Treasurer's Report: There was \$115.42 remaining.

Citizen Advisory Committee for the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (Oahu MPO) Report: There was no report.

Forming a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Regarding a 2020 Election Forum: Chair Ross inquired if the Board had a Motion regarding the formation of a PIG regarding a 2020 Election Forum. Hearing no Motion, the PIG was not formed.

Forming a PIG Regarding COVID-19, Social Distancing and Telecommunication: Chair Ross proposed the formation of a PIG to discuss proceedings during the pandemic. Farden expressed favor of forming the PIG but inquired if members may attend Regular Meetings virtually and Chair Ross responded that it is depending on the allowances of Sunshine Law. Kalakaua-Baarde, Chair Ross, Char and Chang volunteered to form the PIG. Chair Ross proposed that Tipton be appointed to the PIG if he agrees.

Chang Moved and Farden Seconded to Form a PIG Regarding COVID-19, Social Distancing and Telecommunication. The Motion was ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT 10-0-0 (Aye: Agustin, Chang, Char, Farden, Kawano, Lee, Nakahara, Ross, Kalakaua-Baarde and Steelquist; Nay: None; Abstain: None).

RESIDENT/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Ala Wai Oceanit: Resident Dave Watase reported that Ala Wai Oceanit has updates at <https://www.oceanit.com/news/ala-wai-flood-control-plan-community-comments/>.

1332 Lunalilo Street: A resident raised concerns regarding violent incidents at 1332 Lunalilo Street. Chair Ross responded that he would place it on the July 2020 Agenda.

Makiki District Park: A resident raised concerns regarding homeless individuals, stray dogs and multiple burglaries near Makiki District Park.

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: A representative was not present. No report was given.

City Councilmember Carol Fukunaga: Councilmember Fukunaga reported the following.

- Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 20, 2020: Councilmember Fukunaga raised that the minutes should reflect Farden's concerns regarding violent incidents near the Dole Community Park area.
- Monster Homes: Councilmember Fukunaga continues to seek more action regarding "monster homes" in the Makiki area.
- Small Business Relief: There is currently 2.5 million dollars in small business relief from the federal government.
- Sidewalks: Councilmember Fukunaga acknowledged that Makiki has a lack of sufficient sidewalks.

Questions, comments and concerns.

1. Meetings: Chang inquired how the City Council conducts meetings and Councilmember Fukunaga responded that they conduct them virtually on Webex.
2. Sidewalks: Chair Ross inquired about the deadline for sidewalk repair proposals and Councilmember Fukunaga responded that it would be on Monday, July 6, 2020.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Kevan Wong of Mayor Caldwell's Office reported the following.

- 1421 Pensacola Street: Board members requested information regarding the process by which the Department of the Corporation Counsel (COR) will seek authority to have the property cleared and the timeline for accomplishing that. The process and timeline in which the COR operates should be addressed by the COR and not HPD.
- Violent Crime Rates: The Board requested analysis of increased violent crimes on Oahu, and in the Makiki area specifically. According to the statistics for the Makiki area, violent crimes decreased in February 2020 from the previous month. Assaults decreased by 22 percent and Sexual Assaults by 100 percent.
- Thurston Avenue: Board reiterated concerns regarding parking violations and unsafe driving at the intersection of Thurston Avenue, Victoria Street, and Green Street. HPD officers issued over 20 parking infraction citations in the area of Thurston Avenue, Victoria Street, and Green Street. HPD will continue to monitor the area and take enforcement action for parking violations they observe.
- 1523 Thurston Avenue: A resident requested the installation of a sidewalk between 1523 Thurston Avenue and 1583 Thurston Avenue. The side walk between those addresses is missing. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) recommended either the use of the Improvement District (ID) process or the Oahu Pedestrian Plan (OPP) project prioritization process to install new sidewalks along this section of Thurston Avenue.
- Police Corruption: The Board requested updates on Mayor Caldwell's countermeasures for HPD corruption. Mayor Kirk Caldwell has the authority to nominate members to the Police Commission, which is the main bulwark against corruption. Mayor Caldwell has selected nine (9) members of the police commission since

taking office, and on Monday, June 8, 2020, nominated his most recent picks, Doug Chin and Michael Broderick.

Questions, comments and concerns followed. 1421 Pensacola Street: Kawano inquired if the house fire was intentionally set and how long it took the property to burn. Chair Ross inquired if the Mayor's office could investigate as the property has been an ongoing issue for Makiki.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Office: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Senator Brian Taniguchi's Office: Tom Heinrich of Senator Taniguchi's office circulated handouts and reported the following.

- Legislative Session: The Hawaii Legislature will reconvene from Monday, June 27, 2020 to the end of July 2020. There will be a small group of Bills considered and meetings will be conducted over Zoom.
- Hawaii State Capitol: Heinrich reported that the State Capitol is currently closed to the public.

Representative Sylvia Luke's Office: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Questions, comments and concerns followed.

1. Federal Funds and Relief: Lee inquired about the status of federal funds for pandemic relief and Heinrich responded that Congress will not act prior to Saturday, July 4, 2020 and the Senate will adjourn on Friday, July 10, 2020. The status of funds will be discussed in that time period.
2. Tax Revenue: Speaker Emiritus Calvin Say reported that 80 percent of tax revenue was lost during the pandemic.

Congressman Ed Case: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Representative Della Au Belatti's Office: A representative was not present. No report was given.

Senator Sharon Moriwaki: A representative was not present. No report was given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board No. 10 is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2020 at the Makiki District Park, 1527 Keeaumoku Street at 6:00 p.m.

Broadcast: The meetings can be viewed on Olelo FOCUS 49 at 9:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and again on the first and third Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Ross reported that the PIG will discuss matters regarding virtual meetings during the pandemic and that meeting facility information and requirements are forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Casey Ishitani, Neighborhood Assistant
Reviewed by: Jackson Coley, Public Relations Assistant
Final approval by: